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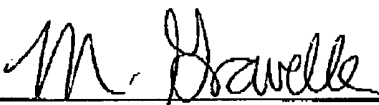
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Applicant : Tully Michael Underhill  
Filed : September 21, 2001  
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### **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the office action of November 26, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.